

CLAIMS

1. A vehicle lamp comprising:
a lamp body for holding therein a light
source;

5 a lens mounted on the front of said lamp
body; and

a carbon-based heating element mounted
within said lamp body, wherein heat rays radiated from
said heating element irradiate a rear surface of said
10 lens.

2. A vehicle lamp according to claim 1, further
comprising a glass tube for sealing therein said carbon-
based heating element.

3. A vehicle lamp according to claim 1, wherein
15 said carbon-based heating element contains amorphous
carbon and carbon powder dispersed in said amorphous
carbon.

4. A vehicle lamp according to claim 3, wherein
said carbon-based heating element further contains a
20 metal or metalloid compound.